Remarks

Examiner has requested applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 19-20 and 29, drawn to a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 16.

Group II: Claims 25-26, drawn to a method of screening potential human therapeutic agents with a C58 polypeptide.

Group III: Claims 27-28, drawn to an antibody for SEQ ID NO: 16.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I: Claims 19-20 and 29, drawn to a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 16.

Conclusion

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If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (434) 243-6103.

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